

ADDENDUM 1

RFP 473-21-00009

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO ELECTRIC EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS AND WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORTS

Introductory Note:

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) is seeking the services of a consultant to review, analyze and make recommendations on electric power system emergency operations plans, the preparedness of the system to operate under extreme weather conditions, and revisions to associated regulations.

Senate Bill 3 approved during the 87th legislative session amended Utilities Code § 186.007 and now requires the PUCT to assess emergency operations plans and submit weather emergency preparedness reports on power weatherization preparedness to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and members of the legislature by September 30th of even-numbered years. The first report is due September 30, 2022. Text for Senate Bill 3 can be found at: <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=87R&Bill=SB3>.

The bill also allows, but does not require, the commission to submit annual reports for the summer and winter seasons if industry standards or other factors warrant an additional report to the legislature. These additional reports, if filed, must be submitted by March 1 and September 1 respectively.

The PUCT initiated Project 51841, *Review of 16 TAC § 25.53 Relating to Electric Service Emergency Operations Plans*, to conduct a formal rulemaking to enact the provisions of Senate Bill 3. Revisions to the regulations will be required and will be based on the contractor's review of emergency operations plans on file with the PUCT and with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The rulemaking is anticipated to be completed by February 2022.

The PUCT is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) for a contractor to review, analyze, and make recommendations on the entirety of emergency operations plans filed by power generation companies, electric utilities, electric cooperatives that own generation in Texas, municipally owned utilities, and retail electric providers (collectively entities).

Questions and Answers (RED):

1. Section 3 – Statement of Work, I) Introduction, B) - *The requirement asks for separate pricing for sections 1-3. Does PUCT anticipate awarding separate sections to different contractors?*

Answer

No.

2. Section 3 – Statement of Work, II) Part 1., B) Required Tasks Include, 1) - Will PUCT clarify how many Emergency Operations Plans are at the PUCT for review? Does this include a Transmission and Distribution System and Generation?

Answer

As of September 5, 2021, there are approximately 825 entities subject to the emergency operations plan reporting requirements of SB3. This number will fluctuate based on market entry and exit of any individual entity. Some percentage of these entities are affiliated at the corporate level and may be permitted to submit one plan for all affiliated entities. That percentage cannot be determined at this time.

Entities owning or operating generation resources, transmission facilities, or distribution facilities are included among the entities required to file their emergency operations plans.

3. Section 3 – Statement of Work, V) Additional Contractor Requirements - *Additional Contractor Requirements lists additional requirements not separated by tasks in sections 1-3 above. Does PUCT expect pricing for sections 1-3 and separate pricing for Additional Contractor Requirements?*

Answer

No.

4. 6.A.10. Other Required Forms - *If the Proposer declines to provide a SSN of applicable individuals at the time of submission, will the proposer need to indicate the choice to decline within the proposal?*

Answer

Yes. Please review 6.A.10 requirements 4th bullet.

5. 6.A.8. Certifications - *In order to meet this requirement in the proposal, is it permissible to adjust the formatting of the list of certifications as they are on the RFP?*

Answer

Proposers can submit proposals in any manner they wish but keep in mind each requirement must be filled and easily identifiable. The Commission would rather the proposers do not reformat the list of certifications because it makes it more challenging to ensure all required certifications are present.

6. 6.A.8. Certifications - *Will PUCT expect a single signature to serve as acknowledgement for all the listed certifications*

Answer

Proposers can submit proposals in any manner they wish but 6.A.8 requires a signed statement.

7. 6.B.5. Page Limit - *The RFP states "In any case, evaluation team members will not be provided any pages past the 75th page." Since Financial capability submittal, resumes, and sections tabs do not count against the page limit, will reviewers still have access to these items if they are provided after the 75th page of the proposal?*

Answer

The evaluators are provided the financial capability submittal, resumes, and sections tabs, regardless of whether the proposal stays within the 75-page limit. However, the evaluators will only be provided the remainder of the proposal up to the 75th page.